# TO: CAMS South Social Studies Department

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**RE: May South Department Meeting**

**I. Reminders**

# Literacy: 15-20 minutes of literacy strategy per lesson (Did we meet this goal?)

* PLC’s: Share at least one example of student exemplary work each meeting and/ or an example of student growth from one assignment to the next. Bring an assignment that you already graded but do not mark it on the paper. Have your peers at the PLC grade it. See if you score it the same way.

**II. Updates from the Commonwealth**

* The new Chapter 4 regulations were approved by the State Board of Education in March. Highlights include:
  + Pennsylvania Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics must be implemented in all public schools across the state by 7/1/13
  + Class of 2020 and beyond will be required to pass five Keystone Exams – Algebra I, Biology, Literature, English Composition, and Civics & Government.
  + Additionally, subject to funding, five additional Keystone Exams would be made available to school districts for voluntary use based on the following schedule: Geometry in 2016-17, U.S. History in 2017-18, Algebra II in 2018-19, Chemistry in 2019-20 and World History in 2020-21.
* What do these updates mean for us?

**III. Updates**

* End of Year Meetings
* Teacher Effectiveness Model (Next Year)
* Current Budget Items for Next Year: Registration for National Geography Bee, Geography Bee Trophies and Awards. Time Kids for 6th Grade, and Weekly Readers for 8th Grade.
* Updates from PLC’s
* Summer Flex Day- July 10th

**IV. Hot Topics**

* Purpose of Homework
* Others

**V. Walkthrough Data**